Import and Export of Steel

3362. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals under consideration of Government for the import and export of steel during the current financial year;

(b) the foreign exchange earned from export and spent on imports of steel during the last three years; and

(c) the impact of new economic policy on the annual import and export of steel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) As per the current export-import policy, export and import of steel is freely allowed. Import of steel depends upon the specific requirements of importers in order to supplement indigenous availability both in terms of quantity and quality. Export of steel depends upon the demand in the international market and the prevailing international prices.

(b) The value of steel exports and imports during the last three years is as under:

Year	Exports	Imports
1991-92	Rs. 283 crores	Rs. 1360 crores
1992-93	Rs. 708 crores	Rs. 1625 crores
1993-94 (Prov.)	Rs. 1678 crores	Rs.1433 crores

(c) With the liberalisation of the trade policy including the facility for duty free import of raw materials for exports, convertibility of the rupee, etc. steel exports have increased from 3.87 lakh tonnes in 1991-92 to 22.21 lakh tonnes (prov.) in 1993-94. On the other hand steel imports have not shown an increasing trend.

Employment in Bokaro Steel Plant

3363. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4154 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd April, 1994 and to state:

(a) the details of the categories and the types of recruitment made in Bokaro Steel Plant barring the displaced persons; and

(b) whether there were any underhand dealings; if so the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The details regarding the category and types of recruitment made in Bokaro Steel Plant barring the displaced persons (as also excluding cases of reappointment/ reinstatement) for the last three related years are given as under:

Sl. No.	Category and types of recruitment		No. of recruitments made		
			1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
1.	Management Trainees	Direct	132	111	137
2.	Executives (other than MTs	Direct	105	39	26
3.	Non-Executives				
	(a) Regular	Through	135	162	32
	(b) Trainees	Employment Exchange	85	1	217
4.	Casual Employees				
	(a) Dependents of Deceased Employees	Direct	177	47	22
	(b) Physically Handicapped Persons & Khalasi (Hot Job)	Through Employment	85	—	—
		TOTAL :	719	360	434

(b) No specific case has come to notice of Government.